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445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, WT Dockets 11-79 and 11-27

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter will document a telephone call between myself and Mr. Richard Arsenault of the Mobility Division of Wireless Telecommunications Bureau concerning WT Docket 11-79 (Positive Train Control (PTC) Spectrum Needs) and WT Docket 11-27 (AMTRAK Request for Automated Maritime Telecommunications System (AMTS) Rule Waivers to Allow PTC). We discussed the issue of potential interference from 217-218 MHz AMTS A and B block stations to over-the-air reception of broadcast TV Channels 10 and 13. I confirmed that Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, is representing itself in these proceedings, and that we have made our filings out of concern that the expansion of AMTS from a few maritime base stations near large bodies of water to a land mobile radio service used extensively in dense urban corridors may cause interference to the reception of digital television (DTV) signals on Channels 10 and 13. Finally, we indicated that Hammett & Edison, Inc., would file in the next seven to ten days an *ex parte* summary, not exceeding two pages, of these interference issues.

Sincerely,

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